

**George Cushingberry - Questions for The Department of Corrections**

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Representative Cushingberry has sponsored 3 house bills designed to reduce the \$2 billion dollar a year Department of Corrections budget by removing non violent offenders out of the system who show remorse, forgiveness, and a willingness to change their destructive ways. It will also remove and segregate youthful offenders into separate facilities, removing them from the general adult population. In order to accomplish this Mr. Cushingberry is asking the Department of Corrections to produce the following information in a summary report for the time period from 2000-2009.

1. The total number and percentage of offenders that never return to the system after serving their sentences. This summary count shall be subdivided into sub categories by age in 10 year intervals and by gender. Summary totals shall also reflect the following:
  - i. A summary count and percentage of prisoners who complete their time on parole
  - ii. A summary count and percentage of prisoners who complete their time who are ***not*** offered parole.
2. The number and percentage of all offenders in the system that are under any type mental health treatment in age grouping by 10 year intervals. This information will be sub divided by the following categories:
  - a. Offender status (incarcerated, parole, etc)

- b. Type of mental illness
  - c. Type of medicine
3. For steps #1 and #2 summary information shall be grouped by year.